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## Balanced Budget Adopted for 2003

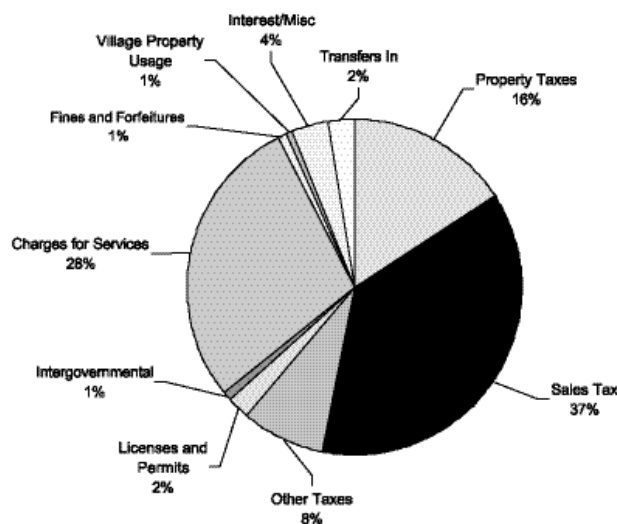
On November 25th, the Village Board approved the 2003 Budget. This Budget represents the Village's continuing commitment to provide quality services to Village residents and businesses. The 2003 Budget provides sufficient resources to maintain and enhance the public infrastructure in the community.

In contrast to other suburban communities, the Village Manager presented balanced budgets for both 2003 and 2004 to the Village Board of Trustees. Due to the stagnant economy Village Departments were required to prepare budgets that were in line with reduced 2002 expenditure levels in all areas except for personnel services.

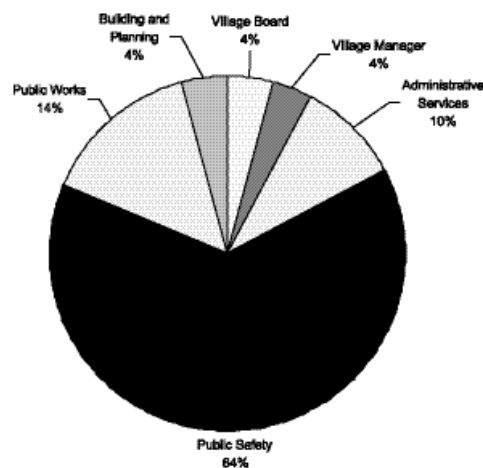
Although most programs were maintained at 2002 service levels, the 2003 Budget includes enhancements in two areas. The Fire Department Budget provides funds for the hiring of 12 firefighters/paramedics to staff the additional fire station proposed by the Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District. The Public Works Department Budget provides funds for the hiring of 1 full-time and 2 part-time Public Works Maintenance Workers to maintain streetscape enhancements as well as the train station and the pedestrian areas adjacent to the station.

No increases in tax rates are proposed in the 2003 Budget. The budget does include small, incremental increases in water and sewer flow utility charges of 2%, which for an average customer will equate to a 1.8% increase in total cost for these services assuming no significant changes in usage by the customer. A similar adjustment in recycling and refuse rates is also proposed. Adjustments in fines and building and parking permit fees have also been provided for in the budget.

General Fund Revenues – By Type and Percent\*\*  
Total 2003 General Fund Revenue: \$12,293,053



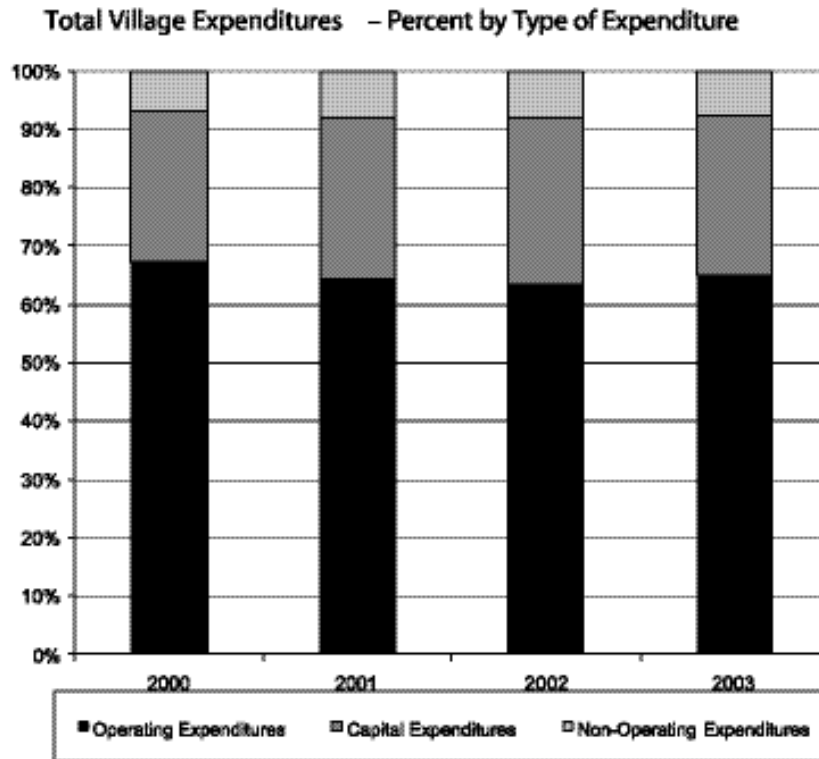
General Fund Expenditures – By Program Area and Percent\*\*  
Total 2003 General Fund Expenditures: \$12,594,273



\*\* The Revenues and Expenditures associated with Property, General Liability, and Worker's Compensation Insurance for other Funds have been excluded from these graphs.

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# Balanced Budget Adopted for 2003 *(cont. from page 1)*



The entire 2003-2004 Biennial Budget document has been published on the Village of Barrington's web site. We encourage you to review this document on line at [www.ci.barrington.il.us](http://www.ci.barrington.il.us).

\*\* Non-Operating Expenditures include Debt Service and Pension Fund Expenditures.

## Village Manager Announces Retirement

On December 10, 2002, Village Manager Robert R. Irvin announced his intent to retire at the end of May 2003. The Village hired Mr. Irvin in 1997 after he served for 21 years as a city administrator in Missouri and South Carolina. Mr. Irvin has done a commendable job here, drawing on the knowledge and experience he possesses to carry out the Village Board's wishes quickly and efficiently. During retirement, Robert plans on making his home in Missouri.



## Three Trustees to be Elected in April

The next Consolidated Election will be held April 1, 2003. The positions of Village Clerk (2 year term) and Village Trustee (three positions for a 4 year term) will be on the ballot. Candidate forms can be obtained from the Village Clerk's office at the Barrington Village Hall, the County Clerk's office (Cook or Lake) or from the State Board of Elections. Filing petitions with the local election official will be conducted January 13-21, 2003.

It is important to remember that a Voter may only sign one independent candidate's petition for each office to be elected. Voters may not sign more than 3 Trustee Candidate petitions, as there are only 3 seats available. Should you have specific questions regarding proper completion and filing of nomination papers, please contact the State Board of Elections at 217/782-4141 or via their web site at [www.elections.state.il.us](http://www.elections.state.il.us).

# Browning Ferris Industries acquired by Groot Recycling

Several months ago, Browning Ferris Industries (BFI) our current recycling and refuse contractor informed the Village that their Palatine facility was in the process of being acquired by Groot Recycling and Waste Service, Inc. In November 2002, the Village was requested by Groot to assign the existing BFI contract to them. This agreement was approved by the Village Board at a November Board Meeting.

Groot has assured the Village and its residents that there will be no change in the service level currently being provided to the residents and businesses. Groot has been in the refuse business for over nine (9) years, and we are comfortable that they will continue with the same quality of customer service that we have experienced with BFI.

You may have noticed during the month of December 2002, Groot began "Single Stream Recycling" in the Village of Barrington. This means you will no longer view the recycling driver separating recyclables at the curb. All material will be placed in one compartment and sorted at their recycling facility. This innovative approach to recycling is slowly being used throughout the country and has proven to be a more customer service friendly approach to recycling. This system simplifies the overall program by not requiring residents to separate paper and co-mingled materials in the home or at the curb.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-381-7903, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

## Christmas Tree Chipping

The Public Works Department will again be chipping Christmas trees, in order to recycle rather than placing them into land fills. To protect Public Works employees, please follow these guidelines:

- Remove stands and hardware
- Remove ornaments, lights, & decorations
- Remove plastic bags, any string or wire used to move or tie up your tree.

Please remember ...BFI/Groot will not pick up your Christmas tree.



*Meetings are held at Village Hall, 200 S. Hough St, unless noted, and are open to the public. Call 304-3400 for information.*

### January:

06	Fire/Police Commission	6:30 pm
07	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
09	PZED	8:45 am
09	Architectural Review Com	7:30 pm
13	Administrative Services	6:00 pm
13	Village Board	8:00 pm
14	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
23	Architectural Review Com	7:30 pm
27	Village Board	8:00 pm
28	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
30	Architectural Review Com	7:00 pm

### February:

03	Fire/Police Commission	6:30 pm
04	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
06	PZED	8:45 am
10	Administrative Services	6:00 pm
10	Village Board	8:00 pm
11	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
13	Architectural Review Com	7:30 pm
24	Public Works Committee	7:00 pm
24	Village Board	8:00 pm
25	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
27	Architectural Review Com	7:30 pm



### CHIPPING SCHEDULE

North of Main Street:  
Place tree at curb on Monday,  
January 6

South of Main Street:  
Place tree at curb on Monday,  
January 13



# Environmental News

Road salt is a necessary and generally accepted part of the winter environment and it is estimated that more than 20 million tons of deicing salt is used in the United States each year. Salt is used to keep snow and ice from bonding to the pavement, by creating a brine that has a lower freezing temperature than the surrounding ice and snow. It is the most widely available and cost effective deicer available. However, when salt is used irresponsibly and to excess, it causes enormous infrastructural and environmental damage. Its use reduces water quality in many aquifers and lakes and kills roadside vegetation and wildlife and damages soils. Salt contributes to the erosion of road surfaces, bridges, parking garages and vehicles. Salt also destroys leather shoes and burns animal's sensitive paws. Sometimes potassium chloride or magnesium chloride are used instead of road salt, but they cost more and can cause more environmental damage. The

increased use of plastics in car making is helping to combat the problem of corrosion in vehicles, and new corrosion prevention techniques are continuing to evolve and are being used by highway agencies to reduce permeability to water and chlorides on bridges, highways and other infrastructure. Keeping vehicles as clean as possible helps too, since the smoother a vehicle's surface, the more likely a foreign substance like salt will just slide off. One homemade way to remove salt from leather shoes is to rub a mixture of one part white vinegar and one part water onto them. This must be done before the shoes dry, however, since once the water dissolves, the salt turns into sharp granular crystals that cut into the fibers. Salt may be a necessary evil, but remember that a thin layer is all that is needed. Or - try using a mixture of damp sand and calcium chloride instead. It will work just as well, and is far less destructive.

## ComEd Tree Trimming

In an effort to provide safe and reliable overhead electrical service, The Asplundh Tree Service will be trimming trees adjacent to overhead electrical lines within our entire Village. In late November ComEd should have notified you if your neighborhood is within the trimming area. Tree trimming activities are scheduled to begin the week of January 6, 2003, and expected to be

complete within 3 months. Asplundh realizes the importance of your existing landscape and will attempt to preserve it, while ensuring safe, reliable power for your area. Should you have any questions regarding this work please contact our Village Forester, Mike Szymanski or the ComEd Vegetation Management Department at 800-334-7661.

## Village of Barrington Parkways Tree Trimming

The Village of Barrington has contracted with Autumn Tree Care to perform routine tree trimming for its parkway trees. Autumn Tree Care personnel will be trimming trees within District I. This area is in the north central portion of the village and includes the following areas:

- Steeplechase
  - Jewel Park
  - North Avenue area
- All those trees located in the parkway area from the curb to approximately 18' back, will be trimmed.
  - Tree trimming work will begin in January and will continue throughout winter.
  - Trimming will include the removal of deadwood and interfering or crossing branches.
  - The street side of some trees may be elevated to allow for safe passage of vehicular traffic. All attempts will be made to balance the form of the tree.

If you have specific trimming needs, or would like further information about the tree-trimming program, please contact Mike Szymanski at 847-381-7903.

# 2002 Marks Many Accomplishments

All Village Departments contributed significant accomplishments for the betterment of the Village. Summaries of the achievements are listed below. Additional improvements will be listed in the newsletter next month.

## PUBLIC WORKS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- A.** Completion of Streetscape Stage 1 from Hough Street to U.S. Route 14. This included the installation of the decorative pedestrian lighting system as well as hanging flower baskets and other landscape elements including new banners.
- B.** The Garden Club also recognized the Village for the beautiful hanging baskets that adorn East Main Street throughout the summer and into the fall. Public Works maintained and watered the baskets on a daily basis to maintain their beauty and color.
- C.** The installation of the majority of the streetscape elements on Stage II from Hough Street west to the E J & E tracks. This installation included brick pavers, new sidewalk, and the bases and conduit for new pedestrian lights. The poles and fixtures for the lights, hanging baskets, etc. will be installed in the spring of 2003.
- D.** Assisted IDOT in commencement and completion of the Route 14 Reconstruction Project from Lake-Cook Road to Ela Road. The project was substantially completed by mid-December, 2002 and will include a planted landscape median adjacent to Thunderbird Golf Club. The \$18 million dollar project was funded through IDOT with some portions being supplemented by the Village of Barrington.
- E.** Early successful completion of 1.7 miles of Village streets as part of the 2002 Road Rehabilitation Program. Several streets throughout the Village were rehabilitated and/or reconstructed. New sanitary sewers were installed as well as water mains and new water services to better serve customers. This project was completed in mid-October 2002.
- F.** The completion of the "Dreamway" Bikeway which connects Barrington High School to Langendorf Park. The \$935,000 project was primarily funded with grant resources. It provides a key pedestrian link between these two major centers of activity, allows pedestrians and bicyclists to travel under the Union Pacific

Railroad Tracks, and reduces vehicular trips between the two facilities.

- G.** The installation of a new wastewater lift station at Cornell and Barrington Road. This project included the installation of a new wet well, pumps, and electrical controls to pump raw sewage from the Southgate area as well as Inverness in a more efficient and practical manner.
- H.** June In Bloom. Numerous large flower beds were planted along U.S. Route 14 between Route 59 and Cumnor Avenue. The work was done in order to beautify this heavily traveled right-of-way. The Barrington Area Garden Clubs contributed time and labor to ensure members of the completion of this effort.

## BUILDING & PLANNING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Building and Planning Department had an extremely busy year. Despite being short-handed for over half the year, the department oversaw a record number of cases (60, as of early December) before the Architectural Review Commission, Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

To improve efficiency, the department implemented the Permits Plus permit issuing and tracking system, and expanded the system to issue Zoning Certificates. The department completed updates to the Village's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping system.

The department coordinated all approvals and inspections for the completion and opening of units of Phase I of the Garlands of Barrington senior living center. This was among the 100 + property maintenance cases, 600 + permits, and 1,200 + inspections performed and coordinated by the department.



*Village recognized for streets improvement*

January 2003

**Village of Barrington**  
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Robert R. Irvin, Village Manager  
Jeanne Gilson, Acting Village Clerk

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## Village Hall closed on January 1st

## Village Vision

*The Vision of Barrington is to preserve and promote its unique small town heritage, preserve its distinct ecological and historical character, provide a moral and safe environment, maintain a high quality of life through the efficient use of community resources, and respond to future challenges through citizen participation in all civic, social and cultural endeavors.*

*The Community is committed to preserving the quality of its neighborhoods, the quality of education, and the diversity of leisure time activities. The community is dedicated to fostering an easily-accessible center of activity for the Barrington area, maintaining a prosperous economic base, protecting its extensive natural resources and promoting public participation and communication.*

## HOT TIPS

### VIDEO TAPES OF BOARD MEETINGS

Videotapes of all Village Board meetings since November 2001 are available at the Barrington Area Library.

Minutes of all Village Board meetings since May 2002 are available on-line at [www.ci.barrington.il.us](http://www.ci.barrington.il.us).

### ASSIST THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Please make sure the fire hydrants in your area are cleared of snow, should the fire department need easy and quick access.

### HOLIDAY REFUSE PICKUP

Holiday pickup will be Saturday, January 4, 2003.

### YARD WASTE

The last day for leaf bag and "Green Monster" pick-up was December 13, 2002. Compost pick-up will resume March 14th, 2003.

### SNOW REMOVAL

If you shovel a small area of your parkway along the curb line and opposite the direction of traffic for approximately six to eight feet, less snow will be deposited at the end of your driveway when the plows widen the street from curb to curb.

**Emergency (Fire/Police/EMS) 9-1-1**

**Village Hall .....304-3400**

**Village Manager..... 304-3444**

**Admin. Services ..... 304-3400**

**Building & Planning..... 304-3460**

**Economic Dev..... 304-3440**

**Fire Dept.....304-3600**

**Police Dept.....304-3300**

**Public Works..... 381-7903**

**Water/Sewer Billing..... 304-3430**



Village elves celebrate the opening of Route 14. *l to r top: Trustees Beth Raseman, Jeanne Yeagley & Karen Darch. l to r bottom: Carol Thompson, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Joe Connelly, Chamber of Commerce Representative; Janet Meyer, President of Chamber of Commerce*